

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 3, 1881.
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DECATUR, ILLINOIS.
Entered at the Post Office at Decatur, Illinois,
as second class mail matter.

And now they are raising cotton in Iowa. If this thing keeps on what will there be for a "Sunny South?"

It is believed that Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina will be added to the Republican *old* states in 1884.

One financial smash-up is announced from St. Petersburg. The Grand society of railways is declared to be insolvent, and in addition is charged with having misappropriated 25,000,000 rubles of government money. An imperial court of inquiry will look into the matter.

Press dispatches from Washington announce the suspicion that the jury in the Guiteau case have practically agreed upon a verdict. This is not to be wondered at. They have been compelled to listen to the as-assin's billingsgate long enough to wish him hanged even were there no evidence against him.

The enlarged and improved REPUBLICAN is the subject of much friendly comment about the city, and we have been abundantly congratulated by all classes of people. Nor is this all: new subscribers have come in by dozens and scores, some paying a year's subscription in advance, thereby testifying their faith in the permanency of the enterprise.

The Bloomington Daily *Prairie* graph entered upon its twenty-seventh year yesterday, and the weekly edition begins this week its thirty-sixth year. The *Prairie* is one of the very best newspapers in Illinois, and we do not know where we could go to find its superior. It is a sincere pleasure to know that it now is appreciated, and that it is in every way prosperous.

GENERAL Breckinridge, of Kentucky, who it was understood would fight a duel with Congressman Blackburn for reflections upon his career during the war, has taken a more courageous and sensible course. He is a brave soldier, and did much toward saving Kentucky from secession. The General has written Blackburn a candid letter, in which he defends his Unionism, and his acts in defense thereof.

JOHN KELLY, it seems, is in a position to dictate terms to the Democratic legislature of New York. The majority in either house is so small that the Tammany members, though few in number, hold the balance of power, and will not hesitate to use it. Kelly, it is understood, demands the chairmanship of the committee on cities in both houses, and the speakership of the house, as well as the position of president *pro tem* of the senate. He also demands a pledge that the legislation with reference to cities shall be arranged with a view of strengthening the power of Tammany. These terms are exceedingly distasteful to the "regulars," and the negotiations have been temporarily broken off.

The Washington *Republican* prints the following letter written by the late Senator Chandler to a friend in Virginia:

WASHINGTON, May 11, 1877. J. Birney Work Esq., Lynchburg, Va. Dear Sir—Your letter of the 5th ultimo was duly received, and should have received earlier attention. My dispatch of Nov. 6, 1876, saying "Hays has 185 votes and is elected," was true, but had not those words been said, and said at that time, Hays would never have occupied the Presidential chair. But for the most indefatigable exertions and unyielding determination that right should prevail, the Democrats would have stolen a vote or a state somewhere, and thus given Tilden the presidency.

Z. CHANDLER.

ST. LUCIE PORT GRAPES WINE FOR WEAKLY PERSONS. This excellent product of the grape is prescribed and used by the leading physicians in the country, when a generous use of it is most desirable; especially for females, aged persons, and consumptives; and by dentists for communion. Hundreds of New York physicians have visited Speer's Vineyards and Wine Cellars, but twelve miles distant from New York, and are surprised to see the foreign Port Wine grapes so successfully grown in this country. The unperfected wine of churches is from the Oporto Grapes preserved in its natural state just as it runs from the press. For sale by W. C. Armitage.

Friendly Words.

The Decatur REPUBLICAN came to us yesterday enlarged to an eight column sheet and in a new design. It is now printed in bold, clear type, and is a model of good typography. Its proprietors are to be congratulated on this evidence of material prosperity. Decatur Daily *Republican*.

The Decatur REPUBLICAN enters upon the year enlarged and improved, and bearing upon its face evidences of that prosperity which is the reward of enterprise and judicious management. Decatur Daily *Herald*.

Skirts.

We have about 100 splendid skirts, felt and flannel's satin, which we offer at about cost.

CHEAP STORE.

Big 18. 20-d&w

Thomson's patent unbreakable glove-making comets, at the CHEAP STORE.

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We buy and sell by far the

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Every one should see our TRIPLE-PLATED
three-dollar SILVER CASTERS—
they are worth FIVE.OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,
LEADING RELIABLE JEWELERS.

No. 10 MERCHANT STREET

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYBODY.
ABEL & LOCKE.

GOOD!

Our trade has been good and we are satisfied.
Our friends and patrons, please accept thanks.
We have on hand some choice goods that we
WILL NOT CARRY OVER.

THEY MUST BE SOLD,

And we shall make prices that will close them
out certain.

25 Dolmans, new and stylish.

15 Sacques and Coats, black and colored.

7 Handsome Ulsters.

6 Roman Circulars.

25 Pairs Blankets, white and Colored.

20 Bed Comforts.

50 Pieces Flannels, assorted.

A large and well assorted stock of choice
Dress Goods: black Silks, Brocades, Moires,
Plushes, Velvets, Satins, &c., &c.,Very complete lines of Hosiery, Gloves,
Mittens, Mufflers, Scarfs, Nubias, Hoods, &c.Our entire stock of Millinery must be sold.
We have a great many beautiful Bonnets,
Hats, Beavers, Felts, trimmed and untrrimmed.
Special orders solicited at closing-out
prices.It is a very easy matter to make low prices
on paper, but it takes nerve to put the knife right
in and sell goods at less than cost. We propose
to do it. Inspection solicited.

No. 10 MERCHANT STREET.

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Jan. 3, 1882—4th

The Daily Republican.

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One year, in advance, \$7.00
Six Months, " 3.50
Three Months, " 1.75

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 3, 1882.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

BRONZE LAMPS and decorated shades at
E. D. Bartholomew & Co's.

A LITTLE cooler to-day.

The "Pinto" were abroad in the city
last evening.The newly elected officers of Masonic
Lodge No. 21, will be installed to-night.WELL, did you get one of Fred Nor-
man's prizes, or were you left as usual?New subscribers for the enlarged Re-
publican come rolling in fast. Who's

next?

Some of the boys turned over a new
leaf the wrong way yesterday. They are
still boozey to-day."THE DRESSER," the noblest and
latest style hat, to be had only at
no. 112 W. Main.

B. STINE's.

Tina talk about the Hoffman scandal in

Bloomington seems to have quieted down

for the present.

An adjourned session of the city coun-
cil will be held on Thursday evening
next. A short session was held last night.

Young men's meeting at the rooms of

the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 7:35. A
cordial invitation is extended to all young
men and members to be present.

"OPEN HOUSES."

There was one occasion to the church

at the services at the U. B. place of wor-

ship last evening. Prayer service again

tonight.

Quinta number of Decatur ladies of

tender years honored the ladies with calls

yesterday afternoon.

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The first of January occurring on Sun-

day this year, the festivities incident to

the day were celebrated on Monday, and

never was there a fairer New Year's Day

in this region. A crisp, bracing air, a

bright sun and solid roads contributed

much to the pleasure of the day, and in-

duced many gentlemen to go out calling

who would not have felt inclined to brave

the rigors of a day when the mercury was

trying to hide itself in the bottom of the

thermometer, or the discomfits of a

rainy, mizzly New Year's.

"OPEN HOUSES."

There were ten different ladies who

received their friends formally on yester-

day afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock, and

the gentlemen were out in full force, giv-

ing from house to house in pairs and in

parties of from four to a dozen each.

So, 1.

At Mrs. John Freeman's residence on

East Eldorado street, the decorations

were profuse and very tasteful. Each of

the rooms was festooned with loops of

evergreens, and the refreshment table was

laden with the substances and delicacies

of the season. The new "1882" and words

of welcome and good cheer appeared here

and there, and the ladies whose names

appear below received callers with the

most charming cordiality. The favors

were smiles and beautiful hand-painted

ribbons of various shades.

Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Hatch were am-

azingly arrayed in black brocaded satin

and pink rose ornaments.

Mrs. Freeman—Old gold satin—de-Lyon and

diamonds.

Mrs. Hatch—Lavender silk and satin,

garnet jewelry.

Miss Jessie Wilson—White lace, natural

natural flowers, rose jewelry.

Miss Ginnie—Light silk, roses.

Miss March—Silver gray silk, garnet trimmings, pearl jewelry.

So, 2.

Mrs. Harrison was at home after two

days of cold, and this was the second place the

REPUBLICAN representatives called. The

rooms were illuminated by the soft gas-

light, and the adornments for the occa-

sion were beautiful and neat. Beneath

the words "Cure for Love" were the

favors, which included a satin-covered

vial for unmarried gentlemen, and a

frosted milk jar for those who had

been "cured." Attached to the cork in

each vial was a paper mitten which need-

ed no further examination after its ap-

pearance. The refreshment table was

provided with everything that could

tempt the appetite. Before sucking their

lollipops the gentlemen were blindfolded

by the ladies, and each was asked to draw

some sort of figure in an autograph

album, designate in writing beneath what

the object was, and then close the "secre-

tance" by writing his name, the day and

year. The proceeding over, and much

amusement. The ladies, So, 3.

The grand jury is in session again.

The Mrs. Davis—Lahay—Carroll should

be investigated probably this week.

Lahay is up and around again,

and will be able to tell his own

story.

Our goods will recommend themselves

—Cheap Charley.

—The Reliable Clothier.

